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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: NAKANISHI, Yukio et al. Conf.:
Appl. No.: New Group:
Filed: December 4, 2001 Examiner:
For: SHEET TOBACCO, AND PROCESS AND SYSTEM FOR
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 4, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The sheet tobacco according to claim 1, wherein said tobacco powder layer has a basis weight of 30 to 200 g/m², and said carrier layer and said cover layer each have a basis weight of 3 to 50 g/m².

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